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Dear Examiner Eaton:

Following up on our telephone conversation this morning, attached is a copy of our Preliminary Amendment on the above-referenced patent application. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

### In the specification:

Replace the indicated paragraphs as follows:

Page 17, paragraph starting at line 10, ending at line 18:

Tokenless biometric electronic transmissions are characterized by identifying the user with the user's bid biometric sample 62 submitted through a stand alone BIA 16 which is directly connected via dial-up, leased lines or wireless modem 56 to the Internet 18, or through a BIA 16 incorporated to any client terminal such as a desktop personal computer, a notebook computer, a thin-client, or other public terminal or kiosk 60 such as an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). In a preferred embodiment, the user is identified through biometrics while third-party databases 28 which are accessed to complete the electronic transmission are identified through the verification of a digital certificate issued by an authorized certifying authority.

